WHEREAS, It is important to bring before the public an awareness of persons with hearing impairments and to dispel the stereotype public image of the deaf and promote a new image; one of Deaf and Bright; and,

WHEREAS, The public should be aware of the significant educational, personal, social and economic contributions which the deaf have made to the State of South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, It is well to enhance communication between the deaf and hearing public for the purpose of eliminating misunderstandings as well as misconceptions concerning deafness:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Covernor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 16-22, 1978, as

DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Bight

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE